

Hi Fans, & GOOD NEWS TODAY !

RICHARD HAS HIS CAST OFF ! Yup, that last cast was removed from his wrist Monday, June 11. Oh Happy day! He (and K of course) had just returned from a 10 day stay in Acapulco where they had both acquired beautiful tans. There was quite a contrast in color on his arm when the cast came off! Reminded me of their new Album NOW AND THEN. Incidentally, the new album was named by none other than MOM CARPENTER! We have a few dates to add to the schedule published in NL # 25: Aug. 10, Santa Barbara, Cal.; in OCTOBER - 12, Provo, Utah; 17, Portland, Maine; 18, Bangor, Maine; 19, Springfield, Mass.; 20, Troy, N.Y.; 21, Binghamton, N.Y.; 22, Buffalo N.Y.; 23, Kitchner, Ontario; 24, London, Ontario; 26, Muncie, Ind.; 27, South Bend, Ind.; in NOVEMBER - 9 & 10, Arie Crown Theater, Chicago; 11, Evansville, Ind.; 16, St. Louis, Mo.; 19, Starkville, Miss. There's been one cancellation - Jackson, Miss. on November 20. Sorry about that! By the time you read this, K & R and the Carpenter back-up group will have contributed again to the Cancer Society. On July 4 at 1:00 P.M. they will play softball against the dynamic personalities of station WCAU - FM - AM - & TV. It will be played in the Tally-Ho Hotel Field in Valley Forge, adjacent to the new Valley Forge Music Fair. That should be SOME game! All proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the Cancer Society. Carpenter wrist watches are now available but the Fan Club does NOT handle them. To obtain one, send \$18.95 in check or money order (no cash, please) to HEATHER'S HINTS, 2 CHURCHILL ROAD, PORT CHESTER, N.Y. 10573. The \$18.95 includes postage and handling. When ordering be sure to state your choice of a man's or a woman's. Other Carpenter items - posters, pennants, patches, pens, wallet pics, bumper stickers, key chains and back issues of Newsletters are still available thru the Fan Club office. For those of you who are wondering who the new drummer is that sits in for K when she stands to sing, it is none other than Cubby O'Brien, former TV Disney Mouseketeer! His first show with K & R was in Albuquerque. This concert was also the first time K & R did "SING" with local school children. K & R really love this part of their concert. The kids are adorable and do a fine job of singing while they nervously finger their dresses, pull on their jeans, or hold on to their shirts. They dress in minis, maxis, slacks, suits or jeans. Their hair is pony-tailed, braided, curled, or hangs loosely around their shoulders. They are tiny, chubby, short and tall - sometimes taller than K. They smile confidently displaying a lack of front teeth or are seriously "petrified". They come on cold turkey with no beforehand rehearsal with K & R and when they are finished they don't want to leave. The audience loves them & so do K & R. Another first in Albuquerque was the group dress. The "layered" look was evident as each member of the group appeared dressed differently from the others. Richard wore a pair of green shoes, so large he couldn't get them under the piano. K said she about cracked up during her rendition of Close To You when she heard a decided "clunk" with every press of the foot pedal. In Las Cruces, K & R were flabbergasted at the number of stairs they had to climb to get to their dressing room from the stage. They were also astonished to find they had to walk under the bleachers to reach the stage. Quite a set-up! K says Odessa must have the world's largest jack-rabbits. She was quite impressed. Wichita Falls has one of the most beautiful concert halls K & R have ever played in. The 26 youngsters that sang in concert with them there really filled the stage. For relaxation there the group held races and engaged in a friendly ice fight, taking care not to hurt each other. Bill Skiles bought himself an alarm wrist watch which proceeded to go off as the group walked down the street. It sounded like a burglar alarm and scared them out of their wits. I have a hunch Bill planned it that way. More fun in Austin. - This time water fights with toy water pistols which led to squeeze-type spray bottles when the battle became more intense, and they finally gave way to buckets and everyone got a good soaking. Seems Cubby ended up in the pool with his clothes on.

From Austin, the group caravaned to Waco in 2 limos and 2 rented cars. Enroute, K & R were serenaded by their chauffeur who sang them one of his own compositions. One of the cars had a blow-out so Dan & Pete were tire changer volunteers. The concert hall in Waco was "barely". The roof had blown off during one of the Texas tornadoes and the building was still under repair. Dallas was an excellent date in spite of the lack of dressing rooms in the concert hall. The entire group found themselves in one big room which was to serve as a dressing room for all of them. They managed to screen K off in a corner by using the wardrobe trunks. That's show biz. Following the concert, a party was given in K & R's honor by the SHOWCO people at their headquarters there. In San Antonio, Carpenter disciples hounded K & R nearly every step they took when they did the restaurant to restaurant trek in search of a meal. All restaurants were closed so after an unsuccessful quest they returned, hungry, to their rooms where they watched TV. Guess we'll have to leave them hungry in their rooms there but be assured, next month we'll pick them up in New Orleans next month for more Carpenter Capers. See ya then,

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